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What to Expect Next for the 2020 Census

Kankakee, IL – Although the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the 2020 Census, the count continues to move forward. The United States Census Bureau is expected to send out reminder postcards this week to an estimated 34.3 million households. This will be the final mailing before census takers begin to visit homes who have not yet responded starting in mid-August.

According to the census response rate map, more than 92 million households have responded. Most reported they favor the new online option by responding at www.2020census.gov. You can also respond to the census by phone or mail.

The City of Kankakee currently shows a 54.1% response rate. A community outreach plan has been put into place where the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) plans to target hard to count areas by heading out into those neighborhoods within the next couple of months.

Staff from the ECDA is hosting a Census table every Wednesday on the first floor in the Kankakee Public Library from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Free census yard signs are also available for pick up in the ECDA office located at 200 E. Court Street, Suite 410 in Kankakee Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“We are asking everyone to help us spread the word to make our community count in the 2020 Census as our team continues to be present in the community at events and will start to visit our low response neighborhoods. We are committed to moving *Kankakee Forward* even in the midst of this pandemic,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant, and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow, and thrive. Embracing

our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive, and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.